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The Honorable Charles E. Chamberlain
 House of Representatives
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

In your letter of 19 May 1958 you requested an appraisal of the intelligence publications preceding the Vice-President's South American trip.

On the same day on which you wrote your letter, Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy and I appeared before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to discuss the recent incidents in South America, Lebanon and elsewhere. In view of your interest in this subject, you are undoubtedly aware that the Deputy Under Secretary released to the press the full text of his prepared statement before that Committee. I believe his statement contains the information which you have requested.

Since you may not have that statement in your immediate possession, I am enclosing a copy with this letter.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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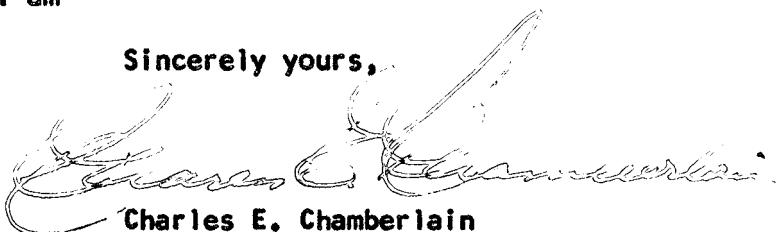
Dear Mr. Dulles:

Increasing concern is being expressed over the depth of anti-American feeling in South America as revealed by the incidents which marked Vice President Nixon's recent goodwill visit. This concern is being voiced in Congress and in the press, as well as in correspondence from constituents.

Much of the comment focuses around the apparent failure of American authorities to anticipate the extent to which hostile mobs were able to place Vice President and Mrs. Nixon in great personal danger and create a situation certain to harm American prestige. I would, therefore, very much appreciate having your appraisal of the intelligence operations preceding the South American tour for use in my replies to the inquiries of people in the Sixth District. I would also appreciate any other information you may have that would enable me as a member of Congress to view the recent South American incidents in their proper perspective.

With my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Chamberlain

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

Proposed reply to Congressman
Chamberlain. There have been no
previous contacts with him

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